



ZELL MILLER

U.S. SENATOR ♦ GEORGIA

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Miller Will Not Seek Re-election in 2004

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Zell Miller (D-GA) today issued the following statement:

“I will not be a candidate for re-election in 2004.

“It has been a great honor to serve as a U.S. senator from Georgia, and I thank Governor Barnes for appointing me and the people of Georgia for electing me.

“I wanted to make my plans known early so that those who want to run can begin their preparation.

“I realize some will call me a ‘lame duck.’ But those who know me know I will be the ‘same duck,’ continuing to serve no single party but all the people of Georgia.

“I will neither endorse nor campaign for any candidate seeking this seat, but I will resign within days after the November 2004 election so that my successor can begin to serve immediately and gain additional seniority.

“This summer, Shirley and I will drive across the state, visiting at least 50 Georgia communities so we can have one last opportunity to thank the people of Georgia who have been so good to us for so many years.”

Miller’s Career Highlights:

- Miller became a U.S. senator in July 2000 when he was appointed by Gov. Roy Barnes upon the death of Senator Paul Coverdell. In November 2000, Miller was elected to the seat with 58 percent of the vote in a seven-candidate field.
- In a statewide poll by InsiderAdvantage in December 2002, Miller’s job approval rating was 67 percent, the highest of any Georgia politician.
- This is the sixth decade in which Miller has served in elective office: Mayor of Young Harris, GA, in the 1950s; state senator in the 1960s; lieutenant governor for four terms in the 1970s and 1980s; governor for two terms in the 1990s; U.S. senator in 2000.
- Since the 17th Amendment was passed in 1917 providing for the election of U.S. senators by popular vote, only three Georgians have been elected both governor and U.S. senator: Richard Russell, Herman Talmadge and Miller.
- Miller and his wife, Shirley, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary next week. They have two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.